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[Chancellor Kiesinger has told Ambassador Lodge that his government continues to view the situation as "very serious." Kiesinger said, however, that his government was too weak to take strong steps alone and suggested that "the most important thing" was for the US to make an "energetic approach" to the USSR.]

According to a Bonn Foreign Ministry official, a new study is under way on the use of interzonal trade restrictions against East Germany. He said that Bonn would be prepared to take drastic measures in the interzonal trade field if there were further encroachments and if other NATO countries would take similar action. The federal government appears most reluctant to use interzonal trade as a countermeasure at this time.

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